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## DID YOU KNOW...

Republicans flipped their third state legislative seat this year on Tuesday night. Mississippi Republican Neil Whaley [defeated](#) his Democratic opponent in a special election for Mississippi's 10th Senate district. The seat was previously held by the Democrat Minority Leader of the state Senate. Lt. Governor Tate Reeves [congratulated](#) Whaley on his victory by saying in a statement: "President Trump, Governor Bryant, and I share a belief in policies that promote economic growth and job creation, and I know Neil will be a good partner in championing these policies." Republicans maintain a supermajority in both chambers of the Mississippi legislature.

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley [announced](#) his long-rumored gubernatorial campaign on Tuesday in which he highlighted his role in helping revive the Michigan economy during his tenure as Lt. Governor. In his announcement, Calley said, "Not only have I been involved with passing massive and historic tax cuts, streamlining or eliminating regulations and working on a balanced budget that pays down the state's debt, I also have a detailed plan for the future." Calley will face off against Attorney General Bill Schuette, Dr. Jim Hines and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck of Canton in the Republican primary.

In Ohio, gubernatorial candidates, Attorney General Mike DeWine and Secretary of State Jon Husted, [announced](#) they would form a joint ticket with DeWine as the gubernatorial nominee and Husted as the lieutenant governor candidate. On Thursday afternoon, Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, who is also running in the

gubernatorial primary, said that she would remain in the race.

Virginia Democrats have [requested](#) recounts in two House of Delegates races. The certified results from both districts have the Republican candidates in the lead with razor-thin margins. In the 40th District, the margin is 106 votes, and in the 94th District, the margin is 10 votes. As it stands now the Republicans retain the majority in the House of Delegates by a 51-49 majority.

Attorneys for Nevada Democratic state Senator Nicole Cannizzaro [have asked](#) for Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske to change the process for how recall signatures are verified. Cannizzaro is one of two Democratic state Senators facing the possibility of a recall election. On Tuesday the Secretary of State's office said its initial count of the recall signatures was sufficient to trigger a recall election for Cannizzaro but because signature removal requests were also submitted more verification is necessary. Additionally, a *Washington Post* [profile](#) on the recall races reported that the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee has raised nearly \$1 million dollars in anticipation of the recall elections.

*The Denver Post* [reports](#), "Colorado has completed a first-of-its-kind statewide election audit, which drew attention from outside the state, with all participating counties passing." Republican Secretary of State Wayne Williams praised the process saying, "it turned out to be an amazing success, and that's because our staff and our county clerks have done a phenomenal job. I am thankful for their hard work and dedication." Audits like this one will now take place following every election in the state.

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